GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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COOPERATION BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND INDIA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States have expressed its desire to extend cooperation with India in the field of oil production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) to (c): The National Energy Policy Development Group of the United States of America in its Report of May 2001 has, inter-alia, recommended that the concerned Department work with the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India to help India maximize its domestic oil and gas production. Any bilateral cooperation for mutual benefit in the hydrocarbon sector is welcome.